

Remarks

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's formal objection based upon the misspelling of "calendar".

On the merits, the claims have been amended to clarify the nature of the portable device that is the subject of the claims and that is to be used in the claimed methods. Applicant submits that the claims as thus amended are allowable over the Cook et al. prior art cited by the Examiner.

Cook et al. is cited for showing a portable device used in student scheduling. However, what Cook et al. actually show is not a portable device of the kind that is the subject of the present invention, but rather only a portable memory device that is to be removable by the student from a student client workstation that is clearly not portable. Note the disclosure of Cook et al. at col. 16 lines 19-61. There, specifically, Cook et al. state that the student client 201 is, for example, a "network computer" which is not a portable device. The element 240 shown in the drawings is described as a "portable storage media", and is where the student stores the data relating to the student. Examples suggested are a smart card, PCMCIA card with flash RAM, or even just hard or floppy disks as stated at col. 18, lines 52-54.

Cook et al. anticipates that the portable device 240 may include "processing capabilities", but as stated at col. 16 lines 47-48, "[t]he contained processing capability responds only to inquiry and update methods for data elements of the student data object". The updating is clearly performed using the client system 201 and the "processing capability" only acts to facilitate that updating. There is not, as claimed in this application, a portable device which can be autonomously used having its own display, user interface, etc.

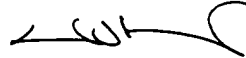
The Examiner's rejections on Seal and Bayley are believed moot as claims 4 and 20 have been revised to depend from the other claims that are allowable for the reasons noted above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable.

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